

house, in the city of Fresno, in said county of Fresno, has been appointed as the time and place for proving the will of said deceased, and for the application of Susan Elizabeth MacLean, the applicant, and her husband, John MacLean, Lanning Outhout and Emily Outhout for the issuance to them of letters testamentary thereon, when and where any interested may appear and contest the same.

Dated December 24th, 1897.

T. G. HART, Clerk of the Court.

By W. R. WILLIAMS, Deputy Clerk.

Frank H. Short, Attorney for Petitioner.

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FRESNO MORNING REPUBLICAN.

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W. SHORT, EDITOR AND MANAGER.

The Great Newspaper of the San
Joquino Valley.Largest Circulation.
The Most News.SUBSCRIPTION.
Daily Republican, one year, by mail, \$5.00
Daily Republican, six months, by mail, \$3.00
Daily Republican, three months, by mail, \$1.50
Daily Republican, one month, by mail, \$1.00
Republican, one year, by mail, \$2.50
Republican, six months, by mail, \$1.50The Evening paper is trying very hard
to get its subscription to the Valley
and with soft soap.The morning paper is not all dead yet. An
editor has paid \$10 of good money
for the paper's life.The Examiner's San Francisco correspond-
ent says that the "Octopus" has
been the new ferry depot at San
Francisco. Why did not Governor Jim
McDonough Democratic harbor commission
at it?The male Fitzsimmons refuses the
offer of \$10,000 for a fight, the
decision is inevitable that Lanky Bob
is spoiling for another go with the
Alifornian. A purse of that size, win
lose, will not be overlooked by a prize
fighter who is not afraid of his opponent.The Selma Irrigator expresses the
opinion that the Examiner ought to be
recognized. Bless your life, son, it is
already widely recognized as the cham-
pion propagator of seventeen counties.
The Irrigator itself has done some recog-
nizing of that kind. What more does it
expect?The world's output of gold for 1897 is
about twenty per cent greater than that
of the previous year. If the rate of in-
crease is kept up a few years gold as the
standard of money will become less
satisfactory to the class which fears ex-
pansion and less objectionable to those
who desire it.Indian Dick, the Digger outlaw, may
be a very picturesque character, but
it is about time the picture were turned
to the wall. Dick is making himself
entirely too promiscuous and is not
respectful in his remarks about his bet-
ters. He should be corralled and have
his pneumatic talking machine punc-
tured.The Merced Sun is soaked in the
gloomy fear that the Presidential tim-
ber available in this state is all going to
be used up to make congressional candi-
dates in this district. The newspaper
with an air of state in a state of chronic
alarm. There is liable to be a collapse
any minute.TRUSTEE CRAYCROFT'S OF-
FENSE.In its self-imposed task of holding up
the Republicans of Fresno county as
malefactors and unprincipled criminals,
the Examiner announces the startling dis-
covery that brick from the yard of Trust-
ee Craycroft have been used by the
contractor who built the new engine
house on the west side. It exploits this
fact as a hair-raising sensation, not-
withstanding that the brick used by
contractors for city work for several
years past have come from the yards of
either Trustee Spiney or Craycroft, for
the simple reason that there is no other
source of supply in the county, and for
the further reason that it is not believed
to be the intent of the law to deprive
a contractor from the privilege of buying
material where he can get it the cheap-
est. The section of the statute bearing
upon this point reads as follows:No officer of such city shall be inter-
ested directly or indirectly in any con-
tract with such city, or with any of the
officers thereof, in their official capacity,
or in doing any work, or furnishing any
supplies for the use of such city or its
officers in their official capacity, or for
any claim for compensation furnished
in which such officer is interested
shall not be paid by the treasurer. Any
willful violation of the provisions of
this section shall be a ground for the
removal from office, and shall be deemed
a misdemeanor and punished as such.The purpose of this law is clearly to
prevent city officers from becoming
directly or indirectly interested in con-
tracting with the city. Opinions may
differ, however, as to exactly where the
line shall be drawn. If it is illegal for
a contractor for city work to buy mate-
rial from an officer of the city, it is then
a fact that the law has not been adhered
to for several years past, and that if it
had been, a decided hardship would
have been worked to the city. Trans-
portation charges would have been paid
from some distant points upon every
thousand of brick used, and the excess
in cost would evidently have been con-
siderable.But as a matter of course the fact that
the city has saved money because its
contractors have used brick made in
Fresno county, instead of importing
them from Stockton, Oakland or some
other place, cuts no figure with the
Examiner if it can raise a howl about
some Republican in office and create the
impression that corruption and robbery
are the regular occupation of every offi-
cial who does not happen to train in its
party.If the Examiner could show that
this morning's Republican is not calculated
to discourage people who are signing
on a pilgrimage to the northern Eldo-
rado, they are very likely to argue
that where \$5,000,000 are dug out and
stored away by a few people in a few
months, there must be chances for
others to scoop up a few geyseres full
of the yellow metal. A vast amount of
gold will come out of Alaska in the
next few years, but it must not be for-
gotten that of the many thousands who
will go there to seek their fortunescounty are obtainable, the Republican
believes that the contractors have been
justified in buying them and the trustees
in selling them, provided they have al-
ways been sold at the lowest current
prices.If the law has been technically vio-
lated, which seems doubtful, the way is
open to punish the officers, and also the
contractor to whom any money is due,
if anybody thinks it desirable to punish
men for buying a home product because
it cannot be obtained cheaper else-
where.That Trustee Craycroft has had no ax
to grind in the matter of selling brick
for the new engine house is fully demon-
strated by the fact that he opposed its
construction and endeavored to the best
of his ability to prevent the city from
incurring the expense of its building.
The Examiner knows this fact, but in
the face of it it attempts to hold the
Trustee up to public scorn as a conspira-
tor and jobber who is using his position
to dishonestly get money out of the pub-
lic treasury.The Examiner is a venomous, charac-
terless and indecent slanderer of honest
men.ANOTHER FALSE IMPRESSION
CORRECTED.When the Bryanite descends upon the
advantages that would accrue to the
United States from the adoption of the
silver standard he invariably tells his
hearers about the great things it has
done for Mexico. While he does not
omit outright that the Mexicans are de-
voted to "bimetallism," one can infer
nothing else from the extravagant praise
bestowed upon the Mexican system than
that the citizens of the southern repub-
lic would rather stop smoking cigarettes
than give up the silver standard. It has
already been shown that the silver
standard has not done for Mexico all
that its American advocates claim, and
the impression that the Mexicans are
deeply devoted to it is also a mistaken
one. It has enabled capitalists, most of
them foreign, to invest their money
profitably, but it has not benefited the
Mexicans generally. The great fluctua-
tions in exchange that form one of the
most objectionable features of the silver
standard make trade precarious, and
there is little doubt that the merchants
down there are heartily tired of the
Mexican system of finance, for which
Bryan, Lane & Co. pretend to have such
great admiration. That the Mexicans
are not so in love with the financial sys-
tem lauded by this firm is shown by the
following editorial from the *Telegram*,
published in the City of Mexico:It would be unfair to attribute the
continued fall in silver, which has
caused the great loss to the United States,
to the silver standard. The silver stand-
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that the great silver advocate that if
Mexico were financially strong enough
she would not hesitate to go on a gold
basis. This paper hopes that Mr. Bryan
has held his United States currency. If
he has he will better appreciate the
value of the gold standard. Those who
would a few days ago. Those who con-
sidered the silver standard as the kind of
"bimetallism" represented by the Bryan
plan would force the United States to
tell the truth. It is not satisfied with the present sys-
tem, and the sentiment is growing which
ultimately will give it a better one.CARROLL D. WHITNEY, the commissioner
of labor statistics, asserted a year ago
that the census of 1890 had been taken
by a force organized under civil service
rules, a saving of at least \$2,000,000
might have been effected. Recently he
repeated this statement and supported
it by facts which surprised those who
had hoped to prove that he had talked
at random. In a comparison of the
total cost of preparing statistical mat-
ter in the department of labor and in
the census office, he demonstrated that
the cost in the last named office was
176.57 per cent greater than in the for-
mer. In a separate estimate of the cost
of compilation alone, he proved that the
census office cost was 146.83 per cent
greater than the cost in the department
of labor. It is generally admitted that
the eleven census cost more than it
should have done and, making allow-
ance for its more comprehensive char-
acter, that much of the extra expense
was due to politics. In view of this it
is to be hoped that the next census will
be made on different lines. No more
men should be employed than are nec-
essary to do the work, and such men as
are needed should be chosen for their
fitness and not because of their political
influence. The eleven census was not
only too expensive, but it also took
entirely too long to complete it.The dispatch from New York station
that influences have been brought to
bear on Premier Sagasta that have in-
duced him to direct Minister De Loma
to make propositions to the state depart-
ment at Washington looking to an
American protectorate over Cuba and
possible annexation is suspiciously yel-
low. One thing is clear in this Cuban
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had gone out of the room, so I don't
care to mind.Hazel—Oh, of course, he would
not have kissed you if any of the other
girls had been there.—Boston Trans-
cript.

Natural Result.

"Once a friend of mine and I agreed
that it would be helpful for each of us
to tell the other his faults."

"How did it work?"

"We haven't spoken for nine years."

Chicago Record.

A NOVEL CONTEST.

Denver Merchants at War With
the Local Newspapers.Denver, January 10.—An extraordi-
nary contest has started in this city,
with all the daily papers on one side
and fourteen of the largest drygoods,
clothing and department stores on the
other. No advertisements of any of
these firms appeared in today's papers,
and formal notice has been given that
none will appear until the papers accede
to the demands of the merchants.Last week the business managers of
the dailies were informed that the de-
partment store combination had arbit-
rarily decided that advertising rates
must be reduced about 20 per cent. The
firms declined to enter into discussion of
the justice of the demand, simply stat-
ing that they had given the matter their
utmost consideration.They control about 50 per cent of
the regular city advertising and believe
that the papers must submit to their
dictation, notwithstanding that adver-
tising rates in Denver are lower than in
any other city of the same size in the
country.The newspapers replied that conces-
sion to the autocratic order was not only
impossible for business reasons, but
would destroy the independence of the
press. If the department stores could
fix rates arbitrarily at their pleasure,
they could likewise dictate the masters
of policy and the papers would become
handbills without influence or self
respect.The first result of the contest is the
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